" (c) As the grant has been paid to the school up to February 1953, no further action is considered necessary in the matter."

Perambalur Panchayat Board.

* 918 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Palanimuthu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the public of Perambalur, Tiruchirappalli district regarding the division of wards in the Perambalur Panchayat Board ;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken so far on it ; and

(*c*) how many seats have been reserved for Harijans?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) No seat has been reserved for the members of the Scheduled Castes as in two wards they are the sole voters and in another ward they are in absolute majority."

Lease of fishing rights to Fishermen Co-operative Society, Gudivada.

* 919 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Fishermen Co-operative Society at Gudivada, Krishna district, represented to the Government this year to lease out the fishing rights in the tanks of Gudivada taluk for fasli 1362 and if so what action the Government took on the representations?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No."

Sri G. RAMA RAO :—" I myself wrote on behalf of the co-operative society to the Government in this respect and I do not know why the Hon. Minister is denying this."

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir. At the time the question was asked, there was no representation made to the Government. On the other hand, the Assistant Director of Fisheries recommended the lease to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and a number of tanks, waterways and branch channels have been given to the society and their lease amount comes to Rs. 2,730 now."

Sri K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government are giving priority to Fishermen Co-operative Societies in leasing these tanks? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, under what conditions tanks are leased to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies? ".